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Our very  
best Wishes  
for a  
Peaceful  
and Happy  
New  
Year

The church with its bells ringing joyfully, the people gathering in happy family groups...scenes like these, we believe, most appropriately express the wishes and hopes of all, for lasting peace and contentment. Happy New Year!

*Thank you for your many favors and friendly good will.*

THE  
**Agawam Independent**

## 1968 Registration Stickers

The Registry of motor vehicles has issued a last-minute reminder that motor vehicles which do not display the 1968 registration validating sticker on the windshield cannot operate on the highways after midnight, Dec. 31. The registration certificate should be in an easily accessible place.

Number plates are not enough after midnight, Dec. 31—the new

sticker must be in place on the upper center part of the windshield.

There are only a few days left—for your convenience, all Registry offices will remain open until noon on Saturday, Dec. 30. The Springfield office will remain open until 5 p.m. If you have to drive, get that new sticker and registration certificate NOW.

### Haseltine Completes Naval Basic Training

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (FHTNC)—Seaman Recruit Ralph E. Haseltine, USN, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Haseltine of 335 School St., Agawam, has been graduated from nine weeks of Navy basic training at the Naval Training Center here.

In the first weeks of his naval service he studied military subjects and lived and worked under conditions similar to those he will encounter on his first ship or at his first shore station.

In making the transition from civilian life to Naval service, he received instruction under veteran Navy petty officers. He studied seamanship, as well as survival techniques, military drill and other subjects.

ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION WEEK OF JAN. 4TH DEADLINE IS SAT., DEC. 30.

### Community Grange Program Tuesday

The first meeting of the new year for Community Grange will be held Tuesday evening, Jan. 2nd in the Grange home on North Westfield St., Feeding Hills. A dues paying supper will be served at 6:30 for all members. Miss Florence Blish and Mrs. Rachael William are co-chairmen of this annual free supper for all those who pay their 1968 dues. The committee would appreciate a call from those who are planning to come.

At 8 o'clock the business meeting will be called to order. During the meeting the new annual word will be communicated to all who are entitled to receive it.

During the lecturer's hour a representative of the Western Massachusetts Electric Co. will present a program on "The Outdoor Recreation Proposal for the Northfield Mountain Area." With slides he will show a variety of recreational facilities that are proposed, accenting the importance of the Connecticut River as a focal point for new pleasures available to the public for their enjoyment.

### Use 'Sober Sam' For New Year Safety

BOSTON—A simple card game called "Sober Sam" could provide some fun and safety for motorists attending New Year's Eve parties, the AIA said today.

"The losers in this game could be the big winners, particularly on the highways after the party," Philip C. Wallwork, AIA safety director, said.

In the game, any one card, perhaps a joker, is designated as the losing card. The cards are shuffled and dealt face up.

A player who is dealt the losing card is named a "Sober Sam" and is forbidden to drink any alcoholic beverages so that he can safely drive home the other partygoers in his group.

## Western Bank & Trust Co. To Have Feeding Hills Branch

Western Bank & Trust Co. has received permission from the Massachusetts Board of Bank Incorporation to establish a branch office in Feeding Hills at 1340 Springfield St., according to an announcement by William A. Franks, Jr., president.

This will become Western Bank's second branch; it has one at 1000 Riverdale in West Springfield.

"Agawam is an active and growing community," Mr. Franks said, "and it is our aim to bring full banking services to the individuals and businesses that now are in the town, and those that will come in the years ahead."

Mr. Franks said Western Bank's branch will be part of the Village Shops, being erected on a site of almost six acres by Gino C. Piccin and Celeste D. Piccin, officers of the Venetian Bakery, whose fifth store will be located in the Village Shops. Clearing of the site will soon begin, with actual construction of the center to begin in the spring.

Aldo Viecelli is general contractor and Leon J. Pernice is the architect for the Village Shops.

Western Bank will, according to present plans, have approximately 1500 square feet in the Village Shops, Mr. Franks said. A drive-up window will be one feature of the new Western Bank branch, and there will be a staff of three.

"Western Bank & Trust, which is now in its fifth anniversary year, already has assets of more

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### St. David's Youth Yule Party Today

Today at 2 p.m. in the parish hall, the children of St. David's Church will hold their annual Christmas party. There will be a visit of Saint Nicholas, the singing of Christmas Carols and a puppet show. The party is held each year on the Feast of Holy Innocents. Teachers of the Church school arrange for the decorations and tasty bits of candy and cookies.

#### Youth Party

On Saturday, Dec. 30th, members of the fellowship will hold a Christmas party in the parish hall.

### GOP Victory Dinner Dance Committee



The Agawam Republican Town Committee will sponsor its annual banquet this coming year as a Victory Dinner and Dance to be held at Betty's Towne House on Sunday, Feb. 4.

The picture above (by Ed Connelly) shows General Ticket Chairman Albert Christopher selling first banquet ticket to Gen-

eral Chairman Frank Chriscola (on the extreme right).

The second gentleman is Program Chairman Ernest Swanson standing with Honorary General Chairman Leslie Moore, Sr.

Other members on the ticket committee are: Edward Connelly, G. Fred Affleck, Kenneth Clouse, Donald McCave, Richard Davenport and George Reynolds.

# CHURCH NEWS

## AGAWAM METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam  
 Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister  
 Ronald Ashton, Lay Leader  
 Mrs. Herbert Binns, Organist  
 Mrs. Marshall Keyes,  
 Sanctuary Choir Director  
 Mary Alexander,  
 Youth Choir Director  
 Betty Fearn,  
 Junior Choir Director  
 Sandra Garfield,  
 Church Secretary

Thursday—7:30 p.m. Nominating Committee meets.

Friday—6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Cadettes meet at church.

Saturday—11 a.m. A service of worship at the East Longmeadow Nursing Home.

Sunday—9:30 a.m. The church at worship. Nursery for infants. Church School in session through sixth grade.

Monday—No Junior Choir practice this week.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m. Youth Choir practice.

Wednesday—7:30 p.m. Sanctuary choir practice.

## BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor  
 Mrs. Nancy Lund, Choir Director  
 Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Organist  
 Mrs. Barbara Briggs,  
 Church Secretary

Thursday—2 p.m. A Puppet Show for children will be held at St. David's Episcopal Church on Springfield Street; 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at church.

Sunday—9:30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. Rev. Lockhart will preach the morning worship service . . . Choir to sing. Church school will follow service; 6 p.m. Junior High and Senior BYFs meet at the church.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m. Melody Choir rehearsal at church.

Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Trading Post open.

## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister  
 Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,  
 Minister of Music

Thursday—8 p.m. Special Church meeting to approve budget for 1968 and accept a Revised 1968 Edition of the By-Laws.

Friday—7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.

Sunday—10 a.m. Church at Morning Worship, Mr. Bryan preaching the Sermon topic will be "Strong Meat"; no regular session of Church School; there will be Nursery and Kindergarten during the 10 a.m. Service.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m. Senior High Choir rehearsal; 7:30 p.m. Board Night.

## FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.  
 Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Pastor  
 Mrs. Frederick Nardi, Organist

Friday—8 p.m. Monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees in the Spear Room.

Sunday—9:30 a.m. Church School Classes; 11 a.m. Worship Service. Special 53rd Sunday Offering for Our Christian World Mission; 6 p.m. Junior and Senior Pilgrim Fellowships.

Monday—The Church Council meeting for this night is postponed due to the holiday.

Tuesday—7:15 p.m. Cub Scout Round-up in Griswold Hall.

Wednesday—7 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal.

## SACRED HEART CHURCH

### FEEDING HILLS

Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.

Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.

Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30 a.m. Masses.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions.

## ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S.,

Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.

Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. confessions.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays—7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Week days—7 a.m.

Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

## ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar

Sunday—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

Wednesday—7:30 p.m. Senior choir practice at the church.

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce

Rev. Albert Blanchard

Saturday—Dec. 30 Confessions 4:30 to 6 p.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m. No CCD classes.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 a.m.; Confessions 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. No evening confessions; 12 Midnight High Mass.

### NEW YEAR'S

Masses—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45.

Tuesday—5:20 p.m., Mass followed by Miraculous Medal Novena.

## ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard

### MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass—7 a.m.

Saturday—8 a.m. Mass—4:30 and 7:30 Confessions.

Sunday—7, 9 and 11 a.m. Mass.

Tuesday—7 p.m. St. Theresa Novena Devotions

## VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

"THE CHURCH ON THE HILL"

Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister

Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director

Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist

Mrs. Richard Orr,

Church Secretary

Sunday—10 a.m. Morning Worship and Sunday School in Boeder House.

Wednesday—7 p.m. Choir rehearsal.

Thursday—7:30 p.m. Bible Study.

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second Sts.

West Springfield, Mass.

Rev. John N. Garner, Pastor

Sunday—9:45 a.m., Bible School for all ages; 11 a.m., morning worship service. There is a supervised nursery service available upstairs in the church during both Bible School and morning service; 7 p.m., evening

## Lions Club To Sponsor Children's Yule Skating Program, Dec. 28-29

Continuing a program that was successfully initiated last year, the Agawam Lions Club will sponsor two events for Agawam school children during the Christmas vacation. David M. Marshall, chairman of the Boys and Girls Committee announced that there will be roller skating for grade schoolers at the Riverside Rollerway tonight the 28th, and that the program for Junior High School students will take place at the West Springfield YMCA on Dec. 29.

Grade school children will be able to roller skate on Thursday from 10 a.m. until noon for a nominal charge of twenty-five cents which includes skates. However, Mr. Marshall cautioned that last year there were not enough skates for everyone because there was a large and enthusiastic turnout and advised those who need skates to arrive early.

On Friday at the YMCA the program will run from 1:30 p.m. until about 3:45 p.m. and it will be divided into three activities: swimming, games and races in the gymnasium, and a film about the Olympic games presented by Olympic House of New York. Attendance to this event will be limited to 120 boys and girls and service

Bible Baptist Church is in fellowship with the General Assn. of Regular Baptist Churches and the American and International Councils of Christian Churches).

## TODAY'S AGRI-FACT

Quality-wise apple lovers should know that there are no less than six official U. S. apple grades: U. S. Extra Fancy, Fancy, No. 1, No. 1 Early, Utility and No. 1 Hail. So that when a store advertises its apples as "extra fancy," "fancy" of "No. 1," you know that they will be well-formed, without blisters, cracks or other serious blemishes.

### REMEMBER—NO TAIL-GATING!



tickets may be obtained for twenty-five cents at the Junior High School prior to Friday morning and possibly at the YMCA in the afternoon. Participants should bring with them swimming suits, towels, bathing caps (for girls) and gym clothes, including shorts and sneakers.

In addition to paying more than half of the cost of the two events, the Agawam Lions Club will also be providing manpower to assist rink and YMCA personnel who will be in charge of supervision.



By Mary Whitman

A long trip often inspires good stories.

The author of *Pals*, a book for youngsters from Whitman Publishing Company of Racine, Wisconsin, is Melissa Dow Funk. She travels with her mineral-collecting husband. Melissa published a poem at age 8 in Cleveland. A Californian now, she writes and tests stories on grandchildren. She also teaches school. A pupil who once heard her husband say, "Everything she knows I taught her," exclaimed, "Boy, he sure has taught you a lot!" But, she adds, children have taught her too.

Asia is the new inspiration of another California author. Alice Means Reeve and her husband just visited their children in Burma. Story ideas galore came on the trip. "An elephant working in the teak, big black water buffaloes cooling off in streams—all were things I hope to put into books," Alice says. One of her recent animal stories, domestic variety, appears in a Tween-Age book from Whitman Publishing Company called *That's Our Cleo*.

Jean Fiedler, who lives on the East Coast, found story inspiration in Mexico last year. Jean wrote at age 11 and had a kitten story printed in a Pittsburgh paper. Later she did social work, wrote for a store, taught English. Today she tries out current writing on her artist-husband and young daughters. The author of fifteen books, her latest for Whitman is *My Special House*.

When your child buys a book, he's buying the work of wide-ranging authors. It often happens that children who want to write grow up to be writers of children's books. And they call it a long and rewarding trip.

## Happy New Year To All!



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## Gamy Wild Turkey

Wild turkey differs from domestic turkey in its gamy, slightly nutty flavor, and in its leanness. A 10-pound turkey easily feeds eight very hungry adults, with enough left for sandwiches the next day. Since it is very lean, it's important to baste the turkey frequently or braise it for half the cooking time.

### Wild Turkey With Wild Rice Stuffing

1 10-pound wild turkey  
1 clove garlic, crushed  
2 tablespoons coarse salt  
2 tablespoons flour  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup water  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups stock  
Salt and pepper to taste  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  pound unsalted butter  
Salt pork

Clean the turkey thoroughly the day before cooking, removing any stray pinfeathers, and rub the inside with a mixture of salt and crushed garlic. Cover carefully and refrigerate overnight. Cook the giblets until tender in 2 quarts salted water. Strain and reserve the stock (should have about 4 cups), and chop the giblets when cool.

Allowing a total cooking time for about 4 hours, cream  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound sweet butter and rub it thickly over the turkey. Lay several thin strips of salt pork over the breast and legs. Truss the wings and legs and place on a dripping rack in a large roasting pan and roast in a 450 degree F. oven for 30 minutes. Remove the pork, baste the turkey, cover with aluminum

foil, and return it to the oven, reducing the temperature to 325 degrees F. Prepare the dressing.

After another hour and a half, take the turkey out and stuff the cavities with the dressing. This is messy, but it insures keeping the dressing moist. Lace up the openings, truss the legs and wings again, and return turkey to the oven for another two hours, or until it is tender. If the foil is removed, the turkey must be basted at least every 15 minutes to brown the skin. If the foil is kept over the turkey, remove it for the last 15 minutes to brown the skin.

**Gravy:** Thicken the pan juices with the flour and water mixture then add  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups of the reserved stock from the giblets, and the chopped giblets.

### Wild Rice Dressing

1 cup wild rice  
2 tablespoons butter  
4-5 shallots or 2 medium onions  
1 clove garlic, chopped fine  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  pound chopped mushrooms  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup coarsely chopped pecans  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
1 tablespoon monosodium glutamate

Salt and pepper to taste

Cover the wild rice with cold water and bring to a boil. Drain the rice. Sauté shallots, garlic, and mushrooms in butter, add rice and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups of the reserved gilet stock (from which the fat has been removed). Cook slowly until the water has disappeared. Add the remaining ingredients and cool the dressing until time to stuff the turkey.

### Cabbage Meat Loaf

1 medium head cabbage (green)  
1 $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds ground beef  
2 teaspoons salt  
 $1\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoons pepper  
1 $\frac{1}{2}$  tablespoons finely chopped onion  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup flour  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon celery seeds  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup milk  
2 tablespoons chopped parsley  
2 eggs

Cut cabbage in quarters. Cover with boiling water and cook 10 minutes. Drain. Combine meat and remaining ingredients.

Grease a 9-inch by 5-inch by 3-inch loaf pan and fill with alternate layers of meat mixture and cabbage, beginning and ending with meat.

Combine sauce ingredients and pour over top. Bake at 375 degrees F. for one hour. Makes six to eight servings.

January 15, 1831—The first railroad honeymoon trip was made by Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Pierson of Ramapo, N. Y., who rode on the South Carolina Railroad from Charleston, S. C., to Hamburg, S. C., six miles away.



A blessed New Year to you and your family.

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## Receives Air Force Appreciation Letter



A/1C ROBERT MAYNARD

A/1C Robert R. J. Maynard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Maynard of 19 Royal St., Agawam was recently promoted to Airman First Class, and received a letter of appreciation for his contribution to the success of the SAC Navigation / Bombing Competition of the Strategic Air Command. He completed his basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas and was recently stationed at Fairchild AFB, Washington. At present he is on duty in Viet Nam.

### Information Center . . .

(Continued from Page 1) ners Course in Crewel Work will be of interest to anyone who enjoys working with their hands and is unable to come to the daytime classes. At the same time there will be a Sewing Class for those who are interested in sewing techniques for themselves and their families.

All day Thursday will be devoted to Beginners Classes in Crewel Work. Anyone who is in-

### Western Bank . . .

(Continued From Page 1) than \$7 million," Mr. Franks said, "and the fact that we have grown at a rate exceeding \$1 million a year is a fine measure of acceptance by the people of the communities we serve. We are looking forward to becoming part of Agawam community life.

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terested in seeing color and design come alive will find this a most interesting course. These classes will be held for 10 consecutive weeks starting Jan. 11, from 10 to 12 and 1:30 to 3:30.

Friday is a very busy day at the Center. Rug hooking is an all day affair starting on Jan. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. These classes are held every other week. On the alternate Fridays starting Jan. 12, from 10 to 12 there are classes in Rug Braiding. Also, starting on this same date a course of 5 lessons in Chair Caning will be held from 1:30 to 3:30. This craft still draws a

great deal of interest for those who would like to replace the seats of old chairs or antiques. All sewing classes will be conducted every day as usual. Because of space and the desire to provide enough individual help for every one attending, these classes are limited. We suggest that you call the Center, 733-7315 or stop in to see us for any further information and registration before Jan. 5.

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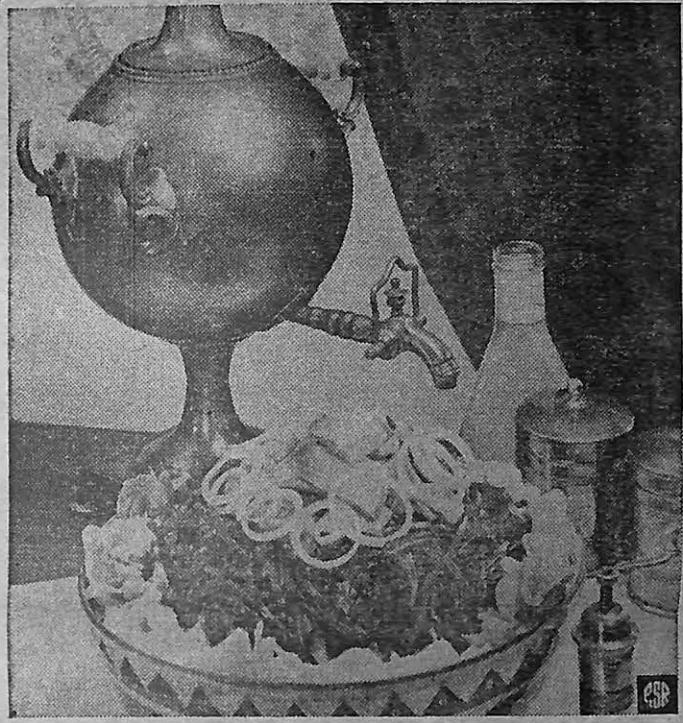
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### A "Good Luck" Salad For New Year's Day



A favorite holiday legend says fortune will follow you the year long if you eat herring on New Year's Day. Another good reason for serving this "Good Luck" salad is—it's crisp, light and bright-tasting, a perfect touch after weeks of heavy holiday eating.

Simply combine lettuce leaves, canned julienne beets, herring in wine sauce, and sliced onion with Caesar Salad Dressing. A zesty new dressing, which combines twenty-two of the classic Caesar Salad flavor ingredients and a touch of sour cream, adds superb taste to this simple but elegant salad. Serve it to guests on New Year's Day, and the family the year round.

#### "Good Luck" Caesar

1 head lettuce	1 medium onion, sliced and separated into rings
2 cans (1 pound each) julienne beets, chilled and drained	1 bottle (8 ounces) Seven Seas Caesar dressing
2 jars (6 ounces each) herring in wine	

Line salad bowl with lettuce leaves. Arrange beets around edge and fill center with herring. Garnish with onion rings. Add Caesar dressing and toss lightly. Makes: 6 servings.

*Peace  
in the  
New  
Year*

Our prayers go with yours, for a New Year of peace and abundance. We wish you much happiness.

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January 2

through

January 5

Completes Semester



CADET 1/C THEROUX

NEW LONDON, Conn. (FHT-NC) — Coast Guard Cadet First Class William J. Theroux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wildor A. Theroux of 270 South St., Agawam, has completed his first semester of his first year at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn.

He will begin his second semester at the Academy following the Christmas holidays.

The curriculum at the Academy is designed to provide the potential officer with the best possible education to aid him in any of the positions in which he may find himself after graduation.

When the cadet completes his four years at the Academy he will be awarded a Bachelor of Science degree and granted a commission as an Ensign in the Coast Guard.

As a Coast Guard officer he will be called upon to fulfill a wide variety of duties at-sea and ashore including the fields of oceanography and communications.

### COFFEE EGgnog

6 eggs, separated; 1 cup powdered sugar, 2 cups light cream, 2 cups milk, 4 cups strong coffee, few grains salt, 2 cups light rum, 1 cup brandy, 2 cups whipping cream, nutmeg.

Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon-colored. Beat in sugar. Add light cream, milk, coffee and salt. Mix well. Add rum and brandy and pour into punch bowl. Beat egg white until they form SOFT peaks. Whip cream. Fold egg whites and cream together, then fold into punch. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Makes 24 punch cup servings.

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM, MASS. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Specifications for new office equipment and lockers for the fire department may be obtained at the office of the Chief at the Ottawa Street Fire Station. Bids will be received by the Chief up to 2:00 P.M. on January 5, 1968 at which time they will be opened and read.

HARRY W. SCHNEIDER  
Fire Chief  
(Dec. 28)

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS HAMPDEN ss PROBATE COURT

To all persons interested in the estate of HARRIET D. HELM late of Agawam in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that LOVISA D. SGORBATI of said Agawam be appointed administratrix of said estate without giving a surety on her bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in the County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the ninth day of January 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM L. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of December 1967.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register.  
(Dec. 14-21-28)



### for the New Year

Be on the lookout for a New Year filled with the best of everything for you and your family! We wish to thank you especially for the friendship, courtesy you've shown us through the years.

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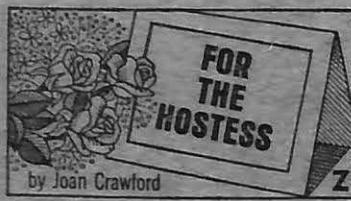
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# V.F.W. Post 1632 and Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE

We hope all our friends had a "Merry Christmas" because everyone who attended the "open



by Joan Crawford

And In This Corner . . .

Every so often you invite people together and find—to your dismay—that they are, for some reason or another, not speaking.

They could be business enemies, or quarrelling neighbors or even battling couples who accepted your invitation in happier times and have tiffed the day of your party.

The air is frosty, the situation is tense, and everyone is ill at ease. What to do? The hostess in this case should never be a referee (" . . . and in this corner wearing a chiffon dress . . ."). Her aim should be to keep the antagonists pretty much out of each other's paths. Good friends and willing husbands can be invaluable in this endeavor.

There are fights that can start at the party itself. Someone begins a political discussion and before you know it, the argument becomes heated, tempers fray, and the opponents are doing just about everything short of dueling in your living room.

In this situation the hostess has the right—and duty—to step in. She should try to change the subject, or lead one of the arguers aside politely, or move the party to another activity. "Let's go in to dinner, friends . . ." breaks the momentum of any argument. She shouldn't add more fuel to the fire by offering cocktails, but she ought to suggest some "cooler off-ers" like a refreshing glass of Pepsi-Cola, or ice water.

If the hostess keeps a firm but polite hand on the proceedings, she'll be able to gently nudge the party back into a happy, non-argumentative groove. And everyone will breathe easier!

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Sympathy to the family of Joseph A. Ferraro and all his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Erminia Cecchi and to Nick Ferraro, who is a VFW friend. Many, many friends miss him.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . We had eight lucky people just in time for Christmas? . . . Dick Adelman, William Parent, Leo Mason, Nick Ferraro, Ray Neigrucci, Joe Borrelli, Zeke Cimma, and Gus Hocker!

That Little Charlie with a big heart from Post 6714 donated his Christmas turkey to a local needy family.

A large, full basket of food, clothing, toys, was brought by President Venetta Snyder to the Agawam Clearing House for a needy family in Agawam. This was the result of last week's paper which asked all members and friends to contribute "canned goods." Another has been started so please remember us! Do you have some toy or article that you received for Christmas and do not wish to keep? Please bring it to the VFW Post Home as we have an outlet for MOST everything!

### TO REMEMBER

Because of the Holidays the first men's meeting will be Jan. 2, Tuesday, instead of Jan. 1 and Jan. 15th. The Auxiliary meeting is set for Jan. 9, Tuesday.

## Round The Town



By Ann Nael  
Phone ST 8-8996

Coral S. Bissonnette, Trustee of the VFW Post 1632 Ladies Auxiliary left Dec. 22, on flight 559 to California for two weeks where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Garrison, Donnie Lee Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cioppa and Jerry Frasca. She will visit Disneyland



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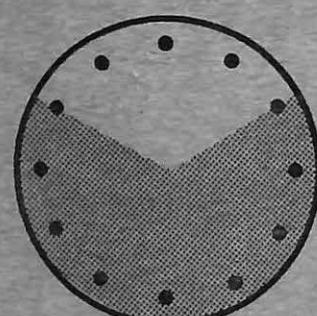
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before returning to her duties as school teacher in Hatfield. Coral is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Bissonnette of Mulberry St., Agawam.

ioned Christmas. There was just enough snow to walk to mid-night Mass and then to open gifts and enjoy a French smorgasbord.



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## How To Break A Bad Habit



New York (NAPS) — Almost everybody has at least one, and many quite normal people have several. Bad habits range from nail-biting to fist-pounding—and may include stuttering or alcoholism.

If you've ever set out to break a bad habit, chances are you'll agree with an old Spanish proverb which says, "Habits are at first cobwebs, then cables." But even a cable can be broken!

Whether or not you want to part with your bad habits—and how successfully you banish the ones that you really dislike—may depend in part on how well you understand the subject.

### WHAT IS IT?

What exactly is a habit? Most experts would define it as a constantly repeated gesture, mannerism, or body motion which is either unconscious or—if the person knows what he's doing and can't stop it—compulsive. If you broaden the category to include nervous reactions to situations, then the chronic headache or blushing may in this sense also be a "nervous (bad) habit."

What about chronic habits that are considered "diseases"—like alcoholism? Dr. Oswald Hoffman, of radio's famed Lutheran Hour says: "I myself cannot agree with the theory that alcoholism, because it creates mental illness, is itself a disease and is to be treated as a disease. This is to deal with the problem too easily. To say that the alcoholic is sick, gives him a ready-made justification for his drinking, for his weakness and refusal to face up to his responsibility."

Noted psychologist Dr. Frank Crain maintains: "...excessive drinking is not a disease, just as thievery, lying and profanity are not diseases but destructive and obnoxious habits that must be broken and overcome."

### WHAT TO DO?

The first step toward conquering both the inward need and the outward "habit" is to recognize it! Facing it is all important because it brings the need to the surface. At Mt. Sinai Speech Clinic in New York City, a girl who stuttered all her life was cured at the age of 24. Her "therapy," according to the man who worked with her, consisted of "getting her to face her stuttering head-on, to get her to assume an 'if-I-stutter-so-what' attitude." It worked.

Noted psychologist William James believed you could substitute a new positive habit for the old habit. He advised: "In the acquisition of a new habit, or the leaving off of an old one, there are four

great maxims to remember:

First, we must take care to launch ourselves with as strong an initiative as possible.

Second, never suffer an exception to occur till the new habit is securely rooted in your life.

Third, seize the first possible opportunity to act on every resolution you make.

Fourth, keep the faculty of effort alive in you by a little gratuitous exercise every day.

Discipline and control, as applied even to petty little habits, has a special reward. It is like the insurance a man pays on his house. The payment does him no good at the time and he may never see a return. But if the fire does come, his having paid it will be his salvation. This is true of the man also, says William James, who has daily inured himself to habits of concentrated attention, energetic volition, and self-denial in unnecessary things. He will stand like a tower when everything rocks around him, and when his softer fellow mortals are winnowed like chaff in the blast."

Choose to break your bad habit—now! As Dr. Hoffman has stated, "one of the terrible illusions of life that we allow ourselves is that the present hour is not the critical, decisive hour."

Now is the hour to break that bad habit.

## "Y" Father-Son Yule Swim



On Sunday, Dec. 17th there was a special Christmas Pow-Wow held at the West Springfield YMCA for Indian Guides of Agawam and West Springfield. The program consisted of games, gymnasium, trampoline, swimming, movies, refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus. Over 15 dads and about 20 boys attended this special program.

The Father and Son Y-Indian Guides program sponsored by the Agawam YMCA offers an opportunity for boys ages 6-9 and their Dads of any age to restore the father image and father and son companionship.

Mario J. Sakellis, executive director of the Agawam YMCA said that at the present there are two Tribes in Agawam. The "Agawams" and the "Shoshonis."

He stated that in January there will be another push to start more Indian Guides in Agawam. For further information call 733-9676.

## N.E. Camping & Trailer Show

### Begins Jan. 24

There's no doubt that this year's Camping & Trailer Show will be the biggest ever. "We have already sold over 35% more space this year over the 1967 show," reports Ed Flanagan, director. "Trailers are big business now, in fact one of the fastest growing industries in America today. Proof of this is the tremendous response we have received from manufacturers this year." Flanagan went on to say, "Companies of all sizes are with us this year, even the giants of

the auto industry who are manufacturing campers and trailers."

The 2nd Annual Camping & Trailer Show opens a six day stand at Mammoth Suffolk Downs on January 24th. "I would suggest," says show director Flanagan, "that visitors to the show get plenty of rest beforehand and wear comfortable shoes, because we have 150,000 square feet of exhibit area." The entire show area is completely enclosed and heated, and there's free parking for 10,000 cars. The Camping & Trailer Show is again being co-sponsored by the New England Travel Trailer Association and the Boston Herald-Traveller.



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Water temperature, as much as any other factor, governs the habits of your favorite game fish, say the fishing experts at Mercury outboards. It determines when and where they feed, and often sends you home empty-handed.

Fish have definite needs. Principally, they require oxygen. This vital element escapes into the atmosphere as the water warms. That's why summer fishing is best at considerable depths while fall fishing need not be so deep.

To check water temperatures, Mercury suggests a minimum-reading thermometer attached to a line with knots tied at three-foot intervals. Probe the depths until you reach the preferred temperature belt. When you've determined the proper fishing depth, you'll save your casting arm, and you'll catch more fish.

Ask your local conservation official for specific information on the temperature preferences of the fish you seek, as different species favor different water temperatures. The next time you inventory the tackle box, jot down a thermometer along with new plugs needed.

## Sportsmen's Show

### Set For Jan. 19-21

Visitors to the 4th annual Mass. Sportsmen's and Boat Show Jan. 19-21 in the Better Living Center, Exposition Park, West Springfield, Mass., will be introduced to a spectacular never before seen in this area.

Spread out in stunning array will be boats GALORE. 1968 models, ranging from the 8' Pram to the most luxurious 35' House Boat. In fact, 3 brand new models will be on display. Yes, the general public will have the opportunity to inspect the largest selection of boats and motors ever assembled in this area.

Harold Callaghan, chairman of the show, has successfully banded together for the first time under one roof the Marina and Boat Dealers in Western Mass.

Proudly displaying their 1968 models of boats and motors will be Bassett's Boat Company, Springfield; Brunell's Marina, South Hadley; Ezold's Marina, Holyoke; Ox Bow Marina, Easthampton; Pepin's Boat Center, Springfield; Fairview Home Supply — dealers in Chrysler Engines; Lambert's Marina, Hampden Ponds, Westfield; and Saunders Boat Livery, Southwick, Mass.

The Sportsmen's and Boat Show will be larger and better this year. Sportsmen's Club display, salt water beach buggies, campers and trailers, plus, tackle dealers exhibiting new 1968 gear and equipment which will be unveiled at this show.

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### SOCIAL SECURITY Questions and Answers

Q. I retire in June 1968 at age 65 and will be entitled to medicare and monthly benefits. However, my wife will be 65 in January 1968 and she never worked under social security. Is there any way she could be entitled to hospital insurance under my account prior to June 1968?

A. No. She would be eligible for hospital insurance under your account in June 1968 when she is eligible for wife's benefits. But, if she wishes to have the medical insurance at 65 she must enroll in this program in the three month period prior to age 65.

Q. If I do not enroll in the medical insurance part of medicare in the three month period prior to age 65, but do enroll the month I am 65 or in one of the three following months, when does medical coverage begin?

A. Enrolling in the medical insurance in the three month period before age 65 assures coverage

with the month you reach 65. If you enroll the month you reach 65 or in one of the three following months after the month you enroll.

Q. I have been receiving social security benefits since age 62. I will be 65 in May 1968. How do I enroll in medicare?

A. Since you are already a social security beneficiary, your hospital protection at 65 begins automatically. In the three month period before your 65th birthday you will automatically be sent notification about signing up for medical insurance protection.

Q. I will be 65 in 1969. How much work will I need to enroll in hospital insurance?

A. If you will not be eligible for benefits as a wife, widow, parent or any other type of benefit, you will need 3 quarters of coverage for every year after 1965 up to the year you reach 65.

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### '68 Flower Show Beauty Pageant Applications Due

James H. Denver, president of the Connecticut Valley Horticultural Society, announced that florist shops and landscapers throughout the Valley will soon receive applications for the 17th annual American Beauty Pageant. The pageant is one of the

quarters of coverage.

Q. I receive a railroad annuity and need help in completing my claim for doctor bill insurance. Do I have to see a Railroad Retirement representative for this help?

A. No, you can visit your social security office (or social security representative in Springfield, Mass.) for help in completing your claim. You will be shown how to fill out the claim form and be shown what type of information is needed from your doctor. Remember, any time you need assistance or have questions about medicare, visit or call your social security office.

Q. I have a heart condition and my dentist says I must be hospitalized to have several of my teeth extracted. Will my hospital insurance under medicare cover this?

A. First of all, the services of your dentist would not be covered by medicare. The law is specific in its limitation. The only dental services which are covered are for surgery related to the jaw or for the reduction of a fracture of the jaw or of a facial bone. When a patient is hospitalized solely for the performance of non-covered dental services, such as the extraction of teeth, neither the dental services nor the hospital expenses are covered.

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Vicki Principal, 26 Pendleton Ave., Westover AFB, a student at Chicopee Comprehensive High School, was judged the winner of last year's Pageant.

Mr. Denver said young ladies, 16 years of age and over, are eligible to enter the American Beauty Pageant which is judged

not on beauty alone, but personality as well.

Mr. Denver said the application forms will soon be available throughout the Valley from members of the Connecticut Valley Horticultural Society, Flower Show participants, as well as floral shops and landscapers. Application forms are also available by contacting the Flower Show office by mail, through Post Office Box 1275, Springfield, Mass. 01101.

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